Land Reforms Policy

1586. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government with regard to the Land Reforms and implementation of Land Ceiling Laws;

(b) the details of the surplus land identified, taken possession and distributed to the landless as on 31st December, 2000 and 2001, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the progress of the distribution of surplus land is very slow; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (d) Land Reforms is under the exclusive legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the States as provided under Entry No. 18 of List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The Central Government is playing only an advisory and co-ordinating role in this field. The major objectives of Land Reforms consist of re-ordering agrarian relations to achieve an egalitarian social structure, elimination of exploitation in land relations, realizing the age-old goal of "land to actual tiller", enlarging the land base of rural poor, increasing agricultural production and diversification of agricultural economy etc.

As per information received from the States, the State-wise details of the surplus land identified (area declared surplus), taken possession and distributed to the landless poor (since inception) as on 31st March, 2000 and 31st March, 2001 are given in Statement I and II (*See* below). The figures are compiled on half-yearly basis. Therefore, state-wise details as on 31st December, 2000 and 2001 are not available with the Ministry.

In recent years, there has been a slow progress in distribution of ceiling surplus land. This is mainly because of the facts that a substantial area of the declared ceiling surplus land is involved in litigation, unfit for cultivation, reserved for public purposes and not distributed for miscellaneous reasons.

Statement-I

Details of surplus land identified, taken possession and distributed to the landless poor

(As on March, 2000) (In Acres)

S. No.	States/UTs	Declared Surplus	Taken Possession	Distributed to individual Beneficiaries
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	792762	640758	581250
2.	Assam	612500	575337	483951
3.	Bihar	415447	390013	308563
4.	Gujarat	227278	159621	139401
5.	Haryana	107453	102482	101638
6.	Himachal Pradesh	316556	304895	4374
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	455575	450000	450000
8.	Karnataka	268478	161834	121070
9.	Kerala	139056	96180	55957
10.	Madhya Pradesh	298454	260458	186142
11.	Maharashtra	747076	677605	649106
12.	Manipur	1830	1685	1682
13.	Orissa	178372	166956	155903
14.	Punjab	223115	105801	104199
15.	Rajasthan	610871	567763	460627
16.	Tamil Nadu	199639	190050	178048
17.	Tripura	1995	1944	1598
18.	Uttar Pradesh	373987	341439	258407
19.	West Bengal	1367686	1278709	1040020
20.	D and N Haveli	9406	9305	6851
21.	Delhi	1132	394	394
22.	Pondicherry	2326	1185	1046
	Total:	7350994	6484414	5290227

Statement-II

Details of surplus land declared surplus, taken possession and distributed to individual beneficiaries

(As on March, 2001) (In Acres)

S. No.	States/UTs	Declared Surplus	Taken Possession	Distributed to individual Beneficiaries
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	792762	640810	581568
2.	Assam	612500	575337	483951
3.	Bihar	415447	390752	306964
4.	Gujarat	227404	160190	139748
5.	Haryana	107547	102534	102027
6.	Himachal Pradesh	316556	304895	6167
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	455575	450000	450000
8.	Karnataka	268478	161834	122656
9.	Kerala	139548	96253	66669
10.	Madhya Pradesh	298763	260323	186942
11.	Maharashtra	739533	670619	642288
12.	Manipur	1830	1685	1682
13.	Orissa	179248	167201	156747
14.	Punjab	223115	105834	104232
15.	Rajasthan	610965	568790	461119
16.	Tamil Nadu	200243	190751	179683
17.	Tripura	1995	1944	1598
18.	Uttar Pradesh	374125	341464	258698
19.	West Bengal	1376581	1287532	1048005

1	2	3	4	5
20.	D and N Haveli	9406	9305	6851
21.	Delhi	1132	394	394
22.	Pondicherry	2326	1185	1046
	Total:	7355079	6489632	5309035

Rural development schemes under implementation in H.P. and Jammu and Kashmir

1587. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes for rural development under implementation in rural areas of Himachal Ptadesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) whether the targets have been fixed under various schemes; and

(c) if so, the target fixed and the achievements made so far in these States during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development implement the major rural development schemes namely, the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) , the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) , the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP), the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and the Desert Development Programme (DDP) in the rural areas of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) and (c) The targets fixed and Achievements made in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir respectively during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-02 under these schemes are given in the Statements I and II.